

REMARKS

1. Claims 3-62, 80-102, and 104-125 were pending. Claim 3 has been amended and claim 125 has been canceled, as discussed below. Therefore, claims 3-62, 80-102, and 104-124 are now pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

2. The Examiner allowed claim 125. Applicant would like to accept the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner and obtain an issued patent, but would like to do so without losing the many dependent claims pending in the application, which apply equally to allowed claim 125 and rejected claim 3. Therefore, Applicant has amended independent claim 3 such that claim 3 as amended is now identical to allowed claim 125, and allowed claim 125 is canceled as being duplicative. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 3 as amended is now allowable and further submits that the dependent claims in combination with amended claim 3 are fully supported by the specification and comply with 35 U.S.C. 112.

Because a dependent claim includes all limitations of its base claim and any intervening claim, Applicant respectfully submits that the dependent claims are now allowable because they depend from an allowable base claim.

3. All pending claims are believed to be in a form suitable for allowance. Therefore, the application is believed to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the application. The Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned if it will assist further examination of this application.

4. Applicant does not believe any extension of time is required for timely consideration of this amendment. In the event that an extension has been overlooked, this conditional petition of extension is hereby submitted. Applicant requests that deposit account number 19-4972 be charged for any fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application.

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